

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FLAT MAIL SORTING PREPARATION

Abstract

A method of preparing flat articles for sorting includes the steps of: (1)
5 receiving a bundle of flat items to be sorted, the bundle being wrapped with a flexible
film such that the film forms an enclosed package of flat items, (2) placing the
bundles on a substantially horizontal, substantially frictionless work surface, moving
the bundle adjacent at least one film slit, the film slit being automatically
activated when the bundle is moved adjacent the film slit, (3) removing the cut film
10 from the flat items, and (4) stacking the unbundled flat items in a cartridge.